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gible balloons is concerned, we have

great factories in this country which

should have preference over foreign

factories in Government work. If the

Government is to have dirigibles at

all they should be built here.

So far as buying dirigibles and filling

their bags with hydrogen is concerned,

it is criminal folly. Yet the Government,

even after the horrors of the ZR-2 and the Roma, has per-

sisted in that folly. The C-2, which

burned at San Antonio recently, was

inflated with hydrogen.

But the chief puzzle is why the army

and the navy are going in for Zeppelins

at all. As tools of war compared with

planes they are a joke. They are fat

targets for enemy guns. The swift, strong

planes are to them as a hawk is to a

milk-fed chicken.

The news articles relative to the

Zeppelin about to be built for us in

Germany say that it will be paid for

out of the money Germany owes us. It

would be dear even as a gift.

The United States would be better

off if it were to credit Germany with

the full price of the big, traacherous

balloon and tell the builders to turn

the keel into plows.

Special sufferers from Turkish mas-

sacres. In pursuit of their policy of

Turkey for the Turks the Kemalists

have demanded the deportation of

all Greeks and Armenians within a

period of from thirty to sixty days.

European Powers declare their inability

to aid such a large number of people

on account of the limited transpor-

tation facilities available.

The demands of the Kemalists ex-

Three Men of Versailles.

The greatest three figures of the

Versailles conference, three men who

have fallen from power since peace

was made, are still talking to the

public. But each surveys the world

from a different angle.

Mr. Wilson's mind is on the past.

His Armistice Day speech was wis-

dom, breathing regret that those ideals

which he advocated so strongly had

never become realities. It might be

thought from what he said that he

believed that the beaten issue of 1920

was still an issue in 1922.

Mr. Lloyd George's mind is on the

present, for he is fighting. He does

not neglect the past, for it is useful

to him. He offers it to England, this

very positive past of his, as some-

thing preferable to the rather nega-

tive future which his opponents hold

out. But his battle is of to-day.

Mr. Clemenceau's mind is on the

future. The past, he says frankly,

has never meant much to him. He

braves the winter sea to come to the

United States to "create a state of

mind for future negotiations."

It is rather strange that the one

man of the three who has reached

the age of reminiscence is the one

who refuses to deal with anything

but the future.

Perhaps the Standard Oil Made

Money Instead of Losing.

To THE NEW YORK HERALD: The

Standard Oil lease is causing among

your correspondents who attribute to

the company an enormous loss through

the decision of the court that the quarterly

The Oldest Circus Ring.

Credited to Willamette, It Has Just

Been Flowed Up.

To THE NEW YORK HERALD: The

passing of what was probably the oldest

circus ring in America took place

when a field at 27 Natchez street was

more than a third of a century. It

seems almost incredible that a circus

ring should withstand the ravages of

time and the encroachments of ten-

ement houses for thirty-five years, but

Willamette had such a curiosity up to

last week.

In a vacant lot between Adelbert and

Natchez streets stood in a fair state

of preservation the oldest exhibition

ring in the city. It was shown that

the ring was built in 1887. The rings at

that time were made by excavating the

center of the ring and banking it, leaving

a permanent circular mound thirty feet

in diameter. In this ring the famous

elephant Jumbo, whose skeleton is now

in the Museum of Natural History,

New York, was exhibited in life.

A little to the east was the tank in

which Captain Paul Boyton performed

his aquatic feats. A tenement house

occupies the site of ring No. 2. The main

ring, in the rear of a barn, up to last

week remained a silent token of a great

exhibition that delighted thousands

thirty-five years ago.

CLARENCE C. PALMER.

WILLAMETTE, CONN., NOVEMBER 13.

Mathematics of Rent.

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Pennsylvania Leads in Chairmanships

Will Have Seven Heads of Committees in Next House

Under Seniority Rule.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Pennsylvania,

with seven, will top all the States in

big House committee heads in the new

Congress unless the seniority rule is ab-

rogated.

There are sixty standing committees,

but some of them have little to do with

important legislation. The seven im-

portant chairmanships Pennsylvania is

expected to have are Banking, Claims,

Foreign Affairs, Judiciary, Naval, Post

Office and Printing, and a gain of two.

Iowa will have four—all big. They are

Ways and Means, Roads, Agriculture and

Insular Affairs, although Chairman

Towner of the latter could relinquish

control there to take Education, lost to

Ohio through the shift of Representative

Fees to the Senate.

Illinois will hold on to Appropriations,

the biggest committee of the House, and

Rule will pass from Kansas to New

York. Rivers and Harbors, Accounts

and Indian Affairs will remain with New

York, which has few Indians like those

who used to be there.

OHIO HAS ONLY ONE.

In the present House, with a solid

delegation, Ohio has the chairmanship

of only one big committee—Education.

Ohio members insist the old seniority

system ought not to keep them out of

honors they claim as their due.

The far West will hold on to several

important committees, the tariff, land

grant, Labor, Military and Territories.

Minnesota last Tuesday lost the heads

of Judiciary and Post Office, holding on

Republicans to Call

OUT 'YOUNG BLOOD'

Women Also to Be Factors in

Reorganization.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The

Republican State leaders returned to

their desks yesterday after a week of

rest and post-mortems to plan the re-

habilitation of the organization in a

series of conferences.

George K. Morris, State chairman, re-

turned from Atlantic City, where he

talked with Gov. Miller. He also saw

Charles D. Hilles, national commit-

tee man; Samuel S. Koenig, county

chairman, and other party chiefs. The sal-

vation of the Republican party, he said,

is young blood. The reorganization will

be planned accordingly.

Three elements will compose the new

State machine—youth, women and pro-

gressives. Mr. Morris declared. He

named half a dozen men as composing

the first element—Senator Wadsworth,

William J. Donovan, who ran for Lieut.

tenant-Governor, and established himself

in the Legislature, and also named Sena-

tor Frederick M. Davenport of Oneida.

Senator Loyment of Elmira, John A.

Livingston, Kings county chairman;

Richard Lawrence, Bronx leader; Charles

Hilles and himself.

The principal causes of Republican

defeat were the general criticism of the

Washington Administration, labor an-

tagism due to strikes, injunctions,

and the tariff, and the wet and dry

issue, said Mr. Morris.

"The last really isn't an issue, because

the Eighteenth Amendment is here and

the law must be respected. I doubt if

Mathematics of Rent.

To THE NEW YORK HERALD: The

Standard Oil lease is causing among

your correspondents who attribute to

the company an enormous loss through

the decision of the court that the quarterly

payments to the Government are

unjustly low.

It is an absurdity to carry

the interest along and compound it for

the whole term of the lease, because

installments replace one another.

Unless the matter is held in abeyance

by an appeal the company will pay up

and further losses will cease.

There is another aspect of the matter

in respect to which I might argue that

the Standard Oil Company is really

ahead of the game. Has it not kept

the landlady waiting all this time for

\$2,000, which it has held in its

business, and undoubtedly earning

enough in excess of the legal rate of

interest to pay more than the cost of

the lawsuit?

The increment from the money so in-

vested in a profitable business might be

compounded, not merely at the legal

rate of interest, but at its carrying

power in the business, and would con-

stitute a considerable offset to the enor-

mous loss which one correspondent cal-

culated at almost 80 per cent. of the

entire rent of \$24,750,000.

JOHN J. SHELDON.

BROOKLYN, NOVEMBER 13.

Epileptics in Law.

To THE NEW YORK HERALD: In sev-

eral recent murder trials the defense

attorneys advanced as an excuse for

murderous actions the fact of the de-

Public Lectures to-Night.

MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

"Grandeur in Time." George A. Hastings,

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